

MANN ADHERENTS PREVENT DEBATE

Use Argument That It Might
Give County to the
Republicans.

TUCKER'S CHALLENGE MEETS WITH REFUSAL

Two Members of Committee and
Three Bystanders, Four of
Them Followers of Nottoway—
Candidate Declare Meeting
Inadvisable—Affair
Very Tame.

Will Force Debate

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

CHRISTIANSBURG, VA., May 1.—Mr. Tucker, who has been leaving for Williams tonight, said that he would force Judge Mann to a joint debate.

"There are counties," he said, "where the people desire to know the records of the candidates. He will not escape me."

Mr. Tucker declared that he would prefer to have the meeting with Judge Mann in Richmond.

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Despite the much-talked-of joint debate which was to have taken place here to-day, and in which Judge William H. Mann was to have taken part, the charges launched by him against Henry St. George Tucker, at the Boston tea meeting, here were, but few men in town when the candidates arrived, any this state of affairs, was not caused by bad weather, but because the two had been quietly passed around the city, and there would be no joint discussion of the matter was cut and dried. The two men, however, were in the crowd, and laughed in their sleeves at the newspaper talk and the excitement in other sections.

Judge Mann, with Mr. Land, Brainerd, and Mr. C. O'Connell, and within two hours it was open stated on the streets and in public places that no joint debate would take place.

Then Judge Mann and Mr. Lang stated that they did not wish a meeting, and the argument was successful.

fully used that Montgomery, being nearly a Republican county, would snare with it the votes of the whites and the shortcomings of the candidate would be made public to the enemy.

The Battle Over.

By the time Mr. Tucker arrived, at 1 o'clock, there was not a man in town who did not know that the battle was over. The fight had been going on since Mr. Tucker, however, at once sent challenge to Judge Mann, suggesting that the conditions of the Boynton debate be reversed, and that the discussion take place at 2 o'clock, but Judge Mann replied that he would not feel that the judge of discussion should be unseated without the consent of the State Democratic Committee. To this, Mr. Tucker consented, under protest, and a meeting of the committee was called. Of the eight members only two were present, but they decided

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Hon. H. St. George Tucker: "Gentlemen,—The question has been submitted to the Democratic committees of this county and city of Richmond whether there shall be a joint discussion between you gentlemen and myself. We have carefully considered the question and only the chairman and one member of the committee are present from the county, and the chairman and two members from the city, we have called into consultation a number of prominent Democrats and it is our unanimous and decided opinion that

There shall be no such thing as a free lunch," he said. "I made no personalities be indulged in by either gentleman."

"Respectfully,"

(Signed)

"Sidney Sheltman, chairman; John I. Johnson, Radford city; R. E. McNeal, R. J. Noell, W. T. Baldwin."

In the meanwhile Judge Mann was interviewed on the much discussed question as to whether or not he was in the stock market and whether or not he bought or sold securities on margins. Judge Mann replied that the question was one which should not have been asked as it was a personal matter, but added that he bought and sold stocks in a stock brokerage office in Richmond. Later one of his advisers informed the newspaper men that Judge Mann had some years ago bought and sold stocks through his brother-in-law, A. E. Donnan, who was once a noted stock brokerage business in Richmond.

After some discussion as to whether or not there should be any speaking, it was decided that each candidate should talk on the issues of the day for an hour, but that no personalities should be indulged in. The vote of Judge Mann was first introduced, and the persons who filed the main floor of the opera house. He consumed his entire time in repeating the arguments which he had already made, declaring that he stood for increased penalties for the Confederate soldiers, improved

Referring to the liquor question Judge Mann said he had fought for thirty-five years to close the saloons and that he believed that within twenty years there would not be a place within the confines of Virginia where liquor could be purchased. He said that his position on prohibition was well known and added: "When the issue of 'wet' or 'dry' is forced to me, I'm going to vote 'dry' and take the consequences."

In alluding to the story that he in league with the liquor dealers